GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:272
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2001
PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF QUALITY COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian industry is losing its cotton edge in the international market;

(b) if so, the main reason for the same;

(c) whether the Government have decided to take positive steps to encourage production and export of quality cotton at internationally competitive prices;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the ceiling for providing funds for development of the industry under textile upgradation fund has been removed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.272 FOR ANSWE 07.12.2001

(a) & (b) : Cotton Textile Exports have been showing an increasing trend; the details for the last three years are as follows:

(In million US Dollar)

Item	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Cotton Yarn, Fabrics & Made-ups	2771.76	3019.95	3499.60
Ready Made Garments of Cotton including Accessories	3147.29	3247.41	3926.63
Total	5919.05	6267.36	7426.23

(c)&(d): To improve the productivity and quality of cotton, the Government launched in February 2000, Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) 2000; the mission consists of four mini-missions with details as under:

Mini mission	Objective	Implementing Agency (1999-2002)-Centre share	Ninth Plan outlay (Rs. in crore)
I	Cotton Research and Technology Generation	Indian Council of Agricultural Research	40.00

II	Dissemination of Technology & Cooperation	Department of Agriculture	349.31
III	Development of market infrastructure	Ministry of Textiles	42.75
IV	Modernisation of ginning & pressing factories	Ministry of Textiles	18.75

(e)&(f): No ceiling has been prescribed for providing funds for modernization of the industry under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme.